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1. PUERTO RICO --

WHILE COMMITTEE OF 24 VIC CHAIRMAN VRAALSEN (NORWAY)
REMAINS HOPEFUL THAT CONSENSUS STATEMENT WILL PROVE POSSIBLE,

CUBA'S PERM REP ALARCON REPORTEDLY IS BEING PRESSED BY SOME PUERTO RICAN ELEMENTS FOR A RESOLUTION NATURE OF WHICH COULD NOT GAIN CONSENSUS SUPPORT. MOST OF COMMITTEE BUREAU WILL SOON LEAVE FOR THE LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE, AND VRAALSEN REASONS THAT IF THERE IS INSISTENCE FOR A DRAFT WHICH CANNOT ENJOY CONSENSUS IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO POSTPONE COMPLETION OF CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO UNTIL SEPTEMBER, THEREBY ALLOWING TIME FOR LOBBYING.

AMONG THE DOZEN SPEAKERS IN THE COMMITTEE AUG. 16 WERE ADOVCATES OF COMMONWEALTH STATUS, STATEHOOD AND INDEPENDENCE. STATEMENTS RANGED FROM EXTREME STRIDENCY, INCLUDING INCITEMENT TO VIOLENCE ON PART OF LEFT-WING INDEPENDENTISTAS, TO MODERATE POSITIONS ON PART OF COMMONWEALTH AND STATEHOOD SUPPORTERS. MOST TOOK US TO TASK FOR ALLEGEDLY SHORT-CHANGING PUERTO RICO ON ITS RIGHTS. TWO PRO-COMMONWEALTH SPEAKERS COMMENTED TO MISOFF THAT THE HEARINGS WERE USEFUL OUTLET FOR PUERTO RICAN FEELINGS. ALARCON EMPHASIZED TO VRAALSEN CHANGE IN ATMOPHERE BROUGHT ABOUT BY CRITICISM OF US BY ELEMENTS FROM ALL PARTS OF PUERTO RICO'S POLITICAL SPECTRUM.

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2. COMMITTEE OF 24 -- PUERTO RICO
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AS THE COMMITTEE CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO AUG. 16 IT HEARD 12 STATEMENTS WHICH EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PRESENT STATUS AND IN VARYING DEGREES RESERVATIONS ABOUT US POLICIES TOWARD PUERTO RICO. SEVERAL CALLED FOR THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS HELD IN THE US. THE COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO COMPLETE HEARING STATEMENTS BY PUERTO RICAN ORGANIZATIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL AS VIEWS OF ITS MEMBERS ON THE SUBJECT AUG. 17.

STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY THE FOLLOWING: MS. ISABLE ROSADO -- FAVORED INDEPENDENCE; FRANCISCO APONTE PEREZ, PRESIDENT OF THE PRO ESTADO LIBRE ASOCIADO (PROELA) -- DEMANDED FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF FREE ASSOCIATION; EFREN RAMIREZ, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS PRESIDENT OF PROELA OF NEW YORK -- SUPPORTED FREE ASSOCIATION; MS. ENEIDA FAZQUEZ, WHO SAID SHE WAS SPEAKING FOR 19 INDEPENDENT PUERTO RICAN ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING PUERTO RICAN PEACE COUNCIL, PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY, PUERTO RICAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS -- CLAIMED THE RIGHT OF PUERTO RICO

FOR FULL NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY; JOSE LUIS PELIU PESQUERA --
PERSONALLY PREFERRED INDEPENDENCE;

MANULE ROMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE STATEHOOD OR
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT -- ASKED FOR ADEQUATE
REPRESENTATION IN THE US CONGRESS; PASTOR RUBEN I. CRUZ,
FIRST SPANISH CHRISTIAN CHURCH -- WANTED TO MOVE AWAY
FROM PRESENT STATE OF LIMBO; RAFAEL SOLTERO PERALTA,
IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS REPRESENTING THE NATIONAL GRAND
LODGE OF PUERTO RICO -- ASKED THE UN TO SUPERVISE
DECOLONIZATION PROCESS; OLAQUIBEET LOPEZ PACHECO, OF THE
SUPREME MASONIC COUNCIL OF PUERTO RICO -- DESCRIBED
PUERTO RICO AS ONE OF THE FEW REMAINING COUNTRIES STILL
UNDER THE "DEMEANING YOKE OF COLONIALISM"; ROBERT CHRISMAN,
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OF THE US PEOPLE'S DELEGATION -- CALLED FOR INDEPENDENCE;

MIAMI MAYOR MAURICE FERRE, SPEAKING IN HIS PERSONAL
CAPACITY -- BELIEVED THAT THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO WOULD
OVERWHELMINGLY CHOOSE FULL STATEHOOD WITH EQUAL RIGHTS
WITH US CITIZENS; AND FRANKLIN D. LOPEZ, WHO IDENTIFIED
HIMSELF AS REPRESENTING THE PUERTO RICAN CHAPTER OF
AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION -- BELIEVED THE PEOPLE
SHOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE BETWEEN STATEHOOD
AND INDEPENDENCE.

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3. UNDP PROGRAM IN TTPI--

UNDP OFFICIAL (QUIROLGICO) INFORMED MISOFF THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA (COM) HAS REQUESTED THAT FIELD RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTERING UNDP PROGRAM IN TTPI BE CHANGED FROM RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN SUVA TO RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN MANILA. COM BELIEVES THIS WOULD BE MORE EFFICIENT BECAUSE MANILA IS MUCH CLOSER TO TTPI AND TO SOURCES OF MOST PROGRAM PROCUREMENT. UNDP FULLY SUPPORTS THE PROPOSAL. QUIROLGICO ALSO MENTIONED A PROBLEM OF LANGUAGE IN PRESENT DRAFT UNDP 1977-81 COUNTRY PROGRAM FOR TTPI WHICH EXCLUDES MARIANAS, AND HE SUGGESTED WAY IN WHICH IT COULD BE SOLVED. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 2612, 2613)

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4. COMMITTEE ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES --

IN COMMITTEE'S SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE AUG 15, WEO MEMBERS, JAPAN, PHILIPPINES, IRAN, CHILE AND MEXICO CONTINUED TO STRUCTURE DEBATE AROUND FRG DRAFT CONVENTION, AND USSR, POLAND, TANZANIA, LIBYA, NIGERIA, EGYPT, BYELORUSSIA AND ALGERIA CONTINUED TO EMPHASIZE NEED FOR AGREEMENT ON ISSUE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE BY IRAN, CANADA, FRANCE, MEXICO AND PHILIPPINES TO CLARIFY ARTICLES OR TO INTRODUCE TECHNICAL CHANGES.

THE SECRETARIAT DISTRIBUTED ANALYTICAL PAPER WHICH HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY ARABS AND OTHERS. PAPER, WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE CONSISTED OF PROPOSALS MADE BY STATES DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION, IS INSTEAD A SUMMARY OF GENERAL DEBATE SINCE IN FACT NO PROPOSALS WERE MADE DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION OTHER THAN THOSE FORMALLY SUBMITTED. USSR, ALGERIA AND BYELORUSSIA, UNHAPPY WITH WAY WEO'S AND CERTAIN OTHER STATES ARE PROCEEDING WITH DISCUSSION OF FRG DRAFT, SUGGESTED USING SECRETARIAT PAPER TO STRUCTURE THE DEBATE.

WEO CONSENSUS WAS THAT (1) POLITICALLY MEXICAN PROPOSAL CONCERNING NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WAS NOT MUCH BETTER THAN TANZANIAN PROPOSAL, AND (2) SINCE THERE WAS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF AGREEMENT ON A CONVENTION THIS SESSION, WEO'S SHOULD NOT MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS OF SUBSTANCE BUT TRY TO BUILD RECORD OF DISCUSSION OF FRG DRAFT IN ORDER TO GET REPORT WHICH WOULD BE CONDUCIVE TO COMMITTEE 6 RECONVENING COMMITTEE WITH EXISTING MAN-DATE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2614)

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5. COMMITTEE ON ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION --
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VRASAK, DIRECTOR OF UNESCO'S DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, MADE A STATEMENT IN THE COMMITTEE AUG 16 IN RESPONSE TO THE COMMITTEE'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON UNESCO'S ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT HELP IT IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ART 7 (MEASURES TO COMBAT PREJUDICES AND TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING, TOLERANCE AND FRIENDSHIP) OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. IT WAS DECIDED TO ASK THE SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES AND SUBMIT A DRAFT TEXT IN ADVANCE OF THE SPRING 1978 SESSION SO THAT IT COULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

6. SYG TO VISIT CHAD AND LIBYA --

UN ANNOUNCED THAT SYG WALDHEIM, AFTER OPENING THE LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE AUG 22, WILL PAY VISITS TO CHAD (AUG 22) AND LIBYA (AUG 23) AT THE INVITATION OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS. FROM TRIPOLI, THE SYG WILL VISIT THE UK.

7. US CONTRIBUTION TO UN --

USUN LEARNED OF A USG CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 1977 WHEN IT RECEIVED A NOTE AND OFFICIAL RECEIPT FROM THE SYG UN FOR A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 DATED MAY 13, 1977, WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE UN OFFICE IN GENEVA.

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